

# ALL SCRIPTURE...INSPIRATION

2 Tim 3:16-17

Bible Times – teaching children

1. God centered – Holy Scriptures

2. Initially-Home centered.

First 3 years (until weaned) – mom's responsibility

Boys-taught OT law from 3 years by father.

Father teach trade.

Girls took on professional jobs--midwife (Ex 1:15-21) and singing (music) (Ecc 2:8).

3. Religious – children taught to understand nature of God through what He had done and what He required in the law

Q/ A Times – Ex. 12:26; Dt 6:2-25

Object lessons – Ex. 13: 14-15

4. Strong emphasis on discipline.

5. Game times – Zech 8:5; Matt 11:16-18

6. Memorization and recitation

Schools & education institutions.

From 164 B.C. --Jewish boys (6 yrs and up) required to attend school – *The house of the book*.

Led by teacher paid by synagogue.

Teachers married men of good character.

*House of study*: higher education – attached to temple.

6 yrs – 9 yrs: children sit in semi-circle on the floor facing the teacher.

- Memorization, repeating, reciting
- Reading aloud.
- Writing on wooden tablet or ground.
- *Textbook* – OT scriptures (Law, prophets, writings)

10 yrs – 15 yrs: learn traditional and Jewish law.

If bright student--law school

A.D. 65 School attendance compulsory for all boys 6 yrs and older

**2 Tim. 3:16** *All scripture*: all the Bible; OT: 2 Tim – last book written in NT.

*Inspiration*: God-breathed. Jer. 1:9; **Rom. 7:12**; **Heb. 4:12**

Doctrine dictates

Life style

View of God

View of man

View of sin

View of salvation

View of Bible: verbal, plenary, inerrant, preserved, inspiration of Bible.

Verbal: every word

Plenary: all of it

Inerrant: without errors

Preserved: God supernaturally kept it without error or change

Inspiration: God-breathed

Satan love to get to believe errors in Word.

Gen 3:1...*hath God said?*

Mac: *Those God-given, humanly recorded words became God's written Word, inerrant and authoritative as originally given.*

The words, *God* and *Scriptures* used interchangeably. Rom. 9:17

How happen?

**2 Pet. 1:20** No recorded prophesy in scripture ever drummed up by prophet himself.

Man had nothing to do with it.

**2 Pet. 1:21** Scripture not come from man...impulse and desire of man.

Godly men spoke as born along

God singled out men with personalities He desired and gave very words to write...

Writers of Bible not write by natural inspiration, or act of human will.

2 Sam 23:2

Author of Bible? Holy Spirit. Acts 28:25 .

Bible free from error and absolutely trustworthy

Psa 119:89 *Settled: Stands firm like a pillar*

Mat 24:35 *....my words shall not pass away*

*For 35 authors, with such varied backgrounds, to write on so many subjects over a period of approximately 1,500-1,800 years in absolute harmony, is a mathematical impossibility. It could not happen! Then how do we account for the Bible? The only adequate explanation is: "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." Chr. Life NT*

Bible contain Word of God?

Do we believe: *All scripture that is inspired of God is profitable?*

Tactic of Satan: believe Bible has errors/contradictions/inconsistencies.

Psa. 119:160

God's Word as accurate and true and powerful today as when was written.

How the Bible preserved through centuries:

**Talmudists**

1. A synagogue roll must be written on the skins of clean animals
2. It must be prepared for the particular use of the synagogue by a Jew
3. These must be fastened together with strings taken from clean animals
4. Every skin must contain a certain number of columns, equal throughout the entire codex (book form--both sides of papyrus sheets).
5. The length of each column must not extend over less than 48 or more than 60 lines; and the breadth must consist of thirty letters.
6. The whole copy must be first-lined; and if three words be written without a line, it is worthless.
7. The ink should be black, neither red, green, nor any other color, and be prepared according to a definite recipe.
8. An authentic copy must be the exemplar, from which the transcriber ought not in the least to deviate.
9. No word or letter, not even a *yod*, must be written from memory, the scribe not having looked at the codex before him...(Yod – tenth letter of the Hebrew alphabet)
10. Between every consonant the space of a hair or thread must intervene;
11. Between every new *parashah*, or section, the breadth of nine consonants;
12. Between every book, three lines
13. The fifth book of Moses must terminate exactly with a line; but the rest need not do so.
14. The copyist must sit in full Jewish dress,
15. Wash his whole body,
16. Not begin to write the name of God with a pen newly dipped in ink,
17. Should a king address him while writing that name he must take no notice of him.

Entire Bible reconstructed from other writings

God's Word is useful, powerful, helpful, serviceable, advantageous.

16...*profitable* :

1. *Doctrine*: teaching, instruction.
2. *Reproof*: conviction of sin; what is wrong.
3. *Correction*: restoration to an upright or right state.
4. *Instruction in Righteousness*: How to stay right...How to stay on the road.

Total training and education

Whatever cultivates soul..increases virtue.

**17 That the man of God:** Timothy only one to use phrase in NT.

OT used as title for one who preaches/proclaims Word of God.

Paul is applies to Timothy and all who preach the Word.

God's spokesmen

*Perfect*: complete, fitted.

In good shape, condition, useable, proficient.

*Thoroughly furnished*: totally and completely equipped.

Best way to prepare for serving God--saturate yourself with Word of God.

Profitable when:

1. Study it
2. Born again

*A thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education.*

THEODORE ROOSEVELT (1858-1919)

*All things desirable to men are contained in the Bible.*

ABRAHAM LINCOLN (1809-1865)

## SO WHAT?

Acknowledge the importance of the Word in your life.